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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CB, TOUTCH VUTTHI

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KHMER AMBASSADOR THOUTCH VUTTHI

1. KHMER AMBASSADOR TO THE US UM SIM HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE BE PASSED TO AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE THOUTCH VUTTHI NOW AWAITING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO GOC. FYI: COLOMBIANS, ACCORDING TO UM SIM, SEEM TO BE DELAYING ACCEPTANCE OF VUTTHI'S CREDENTIALS UNTIL AFTER THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT ALGIERS. THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE OUT OF THE CAPITAL FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. END FYI. DELAY IS A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR THE CAMBODIANS BECAUSE VUTTHI IS ALSO ACCREDITED AS UN PERMREP AT NEW YORK AS WELL AS GKR AMBASSADOR TO HAITI AND EQUADOR. SINCE RESIDENCE WILL BE AT BOGOTA EXCEPT DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, HE IS UNABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HIS OTHER ASSIGNMENTS UNTIL BOGOTA IS SETTLED.

2. UM SIM THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT VUTTHI GO TO THE GOC AND
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INDICATE THAT THE GKR HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY THAT

EQUADOR AND HAITI HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED HIS CREDENTIALS
AND THAT HE SHOULD GET ON WITH HIS MISSION AT THE UN. FYI:
SINCE IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE A CHALLENGE TO THE
GKR'S UN CREDENTIALS BY THE MILITANT SUPPORTERS OF SIHANOUK,
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE GKR UN MISSION BEGIN ITS WORK
ASAP BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE GA. END FYI.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BOGOTA PLEASE PASS THE
SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO AMBASSADOR VUTTHI. RUSH

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